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PATENT APPLICATION OF
DONALD G. PANUCE

SERIAL NO.: 08/603,657

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FOR: INVERTER BYPASS SAFETY SWITCH)
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Group Art Unit: 2112

Examiner: Scott

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**RECEIVED****FEB 18 1997****GROUP 2100**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application, along with the amendment fee calculated below:

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Applicant has carefully studied the Examiner's remarks and cited references in the Office Action dated October 30, 1996 (Paper No. 3) and requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Entry of the following amendments is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1-13.

Add new claims 14, 15 and 16:

14. (New) An inverter bypass safety switch for rerouting electrical power either through or around an inverter drive during electrical disturbances and suitable to directly handle high power motor loads, said switch comprising one or more sections joined together by throughbolts to form a substantially cylindrical contact block having a central axis, a rotatable shaft disposed along the central axis, electrically conductive